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**[54] PHONE CONFERENCE SYSTEM**

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**[57] ABSTRACT**

**PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED:** To provide a phone conference system that attains simultaneous conversation by surely grasping participants so that parties participating in a conference of which is inhibited never take part in the conference through the use of an UnPBX and the recognition of caller IDs by an exchange. **SOLUTION:** A voice reply board 6 stores telephone numbers of destinations of lines sent from a host phone, can make simultaneous connection of lines receiving calls to member phones, identifies a caller telephone number when a member phone having made a line connection within a prescribed time after interruption of its line transmits a call signal, and connects the line from the member phone when the telephone number is equal to the telephone number of the member phone having made the line connection. After the line connection, exchange connection is made to the lines received by the voice reply board 6 in a room 16 under the instruction from the management section 18, voice signals from the phones are composited, and returned to each phone so as to allow each phone to hear the synthesized voice. **COPYRIGHT: (C)2002, JPO&Japio**

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